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Field Crops

Ninety-five percent of Arizona's cotton acreage has set bolls, slightly behind the 5-year average but just ahead of last year. Bolls opening is at 40 percent mostly along the Colorado River. The condition of the cotton crop varies from mostly fair to excellent. Alfalfa condition is mostly good to excellent. Harvesting is active on over three-fourths of the acreage across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

This week Arizona growers remained active with the harvest of miscellaneous melons.

Range and Pasture

Range and pastures continued to receive spotty, but much needed moisture from seasonal rains. Many areas are maintaining their forage. Rangeland conditions vary from poor to good, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	2	18	40	40
Range and Pasture	25	26	24	20	5
Cotton	-	1	23	42	34

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Setting Bolls	95	90	94	97
• Bolls Opening	40	37	30	36

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending August 21st, ranging from normal at Parker to 11 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 113 degrees at Buckeye and Yuma. The lowest reading was 45 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was recorded

in 11 of the 22 weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in Grand Canyon with 0.07 inches. The most precipitation was recorded in Payson with 2.29 inches. Willcox is the only area that has above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
August, 15 2011 - August 21, 2011								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	88	10	107	68	0.00	2.66	-3.50	43
Buckeye	94	5	113	75	0.00	2.40	-1.79	57
Canyon De Chelly	75	2	91	46	0.00	3.05	-2.61	54
Coolidge	87	2	109	69	0.23	1.79	-2.84	39
Douglas	82	7	97	66	0.78	3.15	-4.96	39
Flagstaff	67	4	85	50	1.71	11.24	-2.77	80
Grand Canyon	69	11	91	45	0.07	7.41	-5.73	56
Kingman	87	7	103	72	0.00	4.60	-1.48	76
Marana	88	3	107	74	0.30	2.41	-4.48	35
Maricopa	92	5	110	76	0.00	1.25	-3.08	29
Paloma	91	2	112	70	0.00	2.73	-1.41	66
Parker	89	0	109	67	0.00	1.74	-0.89	66
Payson	76	4	94	59	2.29	9.75	-3.41	74
Phoenix	98	8	112	83	0.00	2.62	-1.57	63
Prescott	79	9	97	60	0.08	4.83	-7.52	39
Roll	91	1	112	65	0.00	1.49	-0.19	89
Safford	83	4	100	67	0.53	2.37	-2.95	45
St. Johns	76	5	92	62	0.09	4.13	-2.70	60
Tucson	89	5	105	72	0.46	3.81	-3.09	55
Willcox	80	5	98	65	0.97	8.01	0.37	105
Winslow	80	5	97	61	0.00	2.73	-1.86	59
Yuma	97	5	113	79	0.00	0.80	-0.88	48
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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